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1. THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY
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OF CYPRUS CONCLUDED IN NICOSIA MAY 28. DURING ITS
FOUR DAY SESSION, THE CONGRESS PASSED RESOLUTIONS AND
ISSUED DECLARATIONS SETTING OUT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
--A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN BE
FOUND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF UN RESOLUTIONS.
--AKEL SUPPORTS AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN, TERRITORIALY
INTEGRAL, NONALIGNED, AND DEMILITARIZED CYPRUS, WITHOUT

REFUGEES, MISSING PERSONS, OR ENCLAVED PEOPLE AND WITH TRUSTWORTHY INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES.

--THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, BASED PARTICULARLY ON SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONVOKED.

--THE LATEST TURKISH PROPOSALS WERE RIGHTLY AND UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED.

--NATIONAL DEFENSE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

--AN ALL-PARTY, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD COMMAND THE HIGHEST TRUST AND SUPPORT, DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

2. THE CONGRESS ALSO ELECTED A NEW AKEL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH MET SEPARATELY AND REELECTED EZEKIAS PAPAIOANNOU AS SECRETARY GENREAL AND ANDREAS FANDIS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL. THESE TWO OFFICER WERE ALSO REELECTED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT, ALONG WITH DINOS KONSTANDINOU (ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY) AND YIANNIS KATSOURIDHIS.

3. COMMENT: THE CONGRESS WENT SMOOTHLY; THERE WER NO SURPRISES, NO DISAGREEMENTS, AND NO DISCUSSION OF ISSUES. POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE PARTY HEWED TO THE MOSCOW LINE. THE PRO FORMA ELECTION OF OFFICERS SIMPLY RETURNED THE SAME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY HIERARCHY TO THEIR FORMER POSITIONS. END COMMENT.

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